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Vice President, Housing Corporation of Arlington Board of Directors

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Housing Corporation of Arlington, I submit this statement, voted at its recent Board meeting.

The Housing Corporation of Arlington agrees with the spirit of Warrant Article 17 but does not support its adoption by Town Meeting. Pursuant to a long-standing internal pet policy, HCA allows tenants to have pets so long as they meet certain conditions. Our policy is carefully designed to accommodate pet-ownership while ensuring safe, decent, and affordable housing for all of our tenants. The bylaw proposed under Warrant Article 17 is misaligned with our long-standing and successful policy. We therefore hope that Town Meeting will reject Warrant Article 17 so that we can continue in our mission to provide affordable housing for Arlington's residents.